

1                   **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

3                   **Claims pending:**

4                   • At time of the Action: Claims 1-39.

5                   • After this Response: Claims 1-39.

6                   **Amended claims:** None.

7                   **Canceled claims:** None.

9                   1. (Original) A method of combining formats for an electronic file,  
10 comprising:

11                  combining data having at least two different encodings; and  
12                  presenting the combined data as homogenized data according to a reference  
13 encoding.

15                  2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the reference  
16 encoding includes at least one of the at least two different encodings.

18                  3. (Original) A method according to Claim 2, wherein the reference  
19 encoding is XML.

21                  4. (Original) A method according to Claim 3, wherein the combined  
22 data is encoded into a single XML information set.

24                  5. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the combining  
25 comprises referring to data.

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2       6. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the combining  
3 comprises interleaving data.

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5       7. (Original) A method according to Claim 5, wherein the combining  
6 comprises referring to data using an include element to reference binary data.

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8       8. (Original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein a href  
9 (Hypertext REference) attribute of the include element provides a universal  
10 resource identifier of the binary data to be referenced.

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12      9. (Original) A method according to Claim 5, wherein the combined  
13 data is presented as a MIME serialization.

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15      10. (Original) A method according to Claim 7, wherein the include  
16 element comprises a simple object access protocol (SOAP) header block.

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18      11. (Original) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the SOAP  
19 header block indicates that the combined data includes the XML include element,  
20 and points to cached representations of media resources.

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22      12. (Original) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the SOAP  
23 header block points to any one of a web resource, an audio resource, and an image  
24 resource.

1           13. (Original) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the combining  
2 comprises combining data fragments, each data fragment being defined by values  
3 corresponding to a respective encoding, length, and content.

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5           14. (Original) A method according to Claim 13, wherein a data fragment  
6 is notated as <encoding> <length> <content>.

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8           15. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a  
9 data structure, comprising:

10           a first data field encoded according to a first format; and  
11           a second data field referring to data encoded according to a second format,  
12           wherein the first data field and the second data field are homogenized  
13 according to a reference encoding format.

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15           16. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 15,  
16 wherein the reference encoding is XML.

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18           17. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 15,  
19 wherein the homogenized data is encoded into a single XML information set.

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21           18. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 15,  
22 wherein at least one of the first data field and the second data field comprises an  
23 include element to reference binary data.

1       19. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 15,  
2 wherein a href attribute of the include element provides a universal resource  
3 identifier of the binary data to be referenced.

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5       20. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 15,  
6 wherein at least one of the first data field and the second data field comprises an  
7 include element to reference one of a web resource, an audio resource, and an  
8 image resource.

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10      21. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a  
11 data structure, comprising:

12            a first data fragment encoded according to a first format; and  
13            a second data fragment encoded according to a second data format,  
14            wherein the first data field and the second data field are homogenized  
15 according to a reference encoding format.

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17      22. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21,  
18 wherein the reference encoding is XML.

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20      23. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 22,  
21 wherein the homogenized data is encoded into a single XML information set.

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23      24. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21,  
24 wherein both the first and the second data fragment are defined by values  
25 corresponding to a respective encoding, length, and content.

1       25. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 24,  
2 wherein both the first data fragment and the second data fragment are formatted as  
3 <encoding> <length> <content>.

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5       26. (Original) A method of transmitting data to a receiving node,  
6 comprising:

7             combining data having at least two different encodings;  
8             homogenizing the combined data in accordance with a reference encoding;  
9             and  
10           transmitting homogenized data to the receiving node over a network.

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12       27. (Original) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the reference  
13 encoding includes at least one of the at least two different encodings.

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15       28. (Original) A method according to Claim 27, wherein the reference  
16 encoding is XML.

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18       29. (Original) A method according to Claim 28, wherein the combined  
19 data is homogenized into a single XML information set.

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21       30. (Original) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the combining  
22 includes resolving to data.

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24       31. (Original) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the combining  
25 includes interleaving data.

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2       32. (Original) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the combining  
3 includes resolving to data using an include element to reference binary data.

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5       33. (Original) A method according to Claim 32, wherein an attribute of  
6 the include element provides a universal resource identifier of the binary data to be  
7 resolved.

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9       34. (Original) A method according to Claim 30, wherein the combined  
10 data is presented as a MIME serialization.

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12       35. (Original) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the include  
13 element resolves to cached representations of media resources.

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15       36. (Original) A method according to Claim 35, wherein the cached  
16 representations of media resources are cached separately from the include element.

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18       37. (Original) A method according to Claim 35, wherein the include  
19 element resolves to any one of a web resource, an audio resource, and an image  
20 resource.

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22       38. (Original) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the combining  
23 includes combining data fragments, each data fragment being defined by values  
24 corresponding to a respective encoding, length, and content.

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